



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Regular monthly meeting of
THE WESTSIDE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Westside Center Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rosalina Palacios at 7:00 PM at the Westside Community Center., 423 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Rosalina Palacios
Raquel Vela Mendoza
Jesús Rodríguez
Gloria Franco

Members Absent

3 committee vacancies

Staff Present

Antonio A. Velasquez, Community Services Supervisor
Hill Zachary, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

Liaisons Present

None

Guests

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes to approve.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Staff announced that the SB Arts Alliance a special Department youth project was currently working on a mural that would be placed in the public area entrance to the airport while remodeling construction is taking place.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Community Garden Report** – Staff reported that the Community Garden Program is operating at near full capacity and that all garden plots at Pilgrim Terrace were rented. Efforts are underway to identify a garden liaison to report directly to the committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Community Center Park Area Renovation Project** – Jill Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director provided updated information regarding the projects and handed out a copy of the amended design for the play area. The design calls for the installation of basketball half courts and a resurfaced handball court. The handball court will also have a vandalism proof chain link fence with rip rap boulders eliminate the current blind spot. Committee members were pleased with the updated information but requested that the Department seriously consider turfing the area currently slated for tree bark chipping. The reason given was that residents constantly bring their dogs onto the property and not always clean up after their dogs.
- b. **Future role of Advisory Committees** – Raquel Mendoza and staff provided an update on the progress of the Department committee that is composed of two members each from the three Advisory Committees, two members from the Youth Council and two from the Parks and Recreation Commission. The committee is attempting to reach consensus on two main areas, the membership composition and the powers and duties of the consolidated group. A timeline is being developed to address all issue so that a proposal can be presented to City Council sometime in winter.
- c. **Park and Recreation Department Budget Overview** – Staff provided an brief overview of the projected budget information made public and submitted for City Council approval on June 28, 2010. Staff informed the members that Council will be taking public input at meetings leading up to the approval meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 PM, there being no further business to come before the committee, the Westside Center Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Carlos Guerrero.

Respectfully submitted,
Antonio A. Velasquez
Community Services Supervisor